

Glenda Wiles

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Dear Commissioners,

First of all, thank you for postponing the January 7th meeting regarding the Ravalli County airport. We appreciate your diligence in obtaining all of the information regarding this hot topic that influences everyone in Ravalli County.

When we purchased our property on Upper Sky Way some ten years ago, there was seldom any air traffic directly over our property. The planes we saw hobbyists flying were making their circle approaches over the Weber Drive and Carriage Road areas.

We have noticed though, as the size of the aircraft using our airport has changed, so has their flight path. It is not uncommon to have jet aircraft flying directly overhead as early as 6:00 a.m. Occasionally we are awakened from 3:00-5:00 a.m. by departing jets.

In today's economy, homeowners are already struggling with declining equity. Future unnecessary expansion of our airport will certainly further diminish our hard earned assets.

We urge you to vote against the expansion of our airport. It is our fear that we will become Missoula International Airport South! Our airport has transformed from an enjoyable sight to watch for our deck to a complete annoyance. In addition, passing on the expense to those of use that are not pilots and aircraft owners is extremely unfair.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter. It is greatly appreciated!

Sincerely,

Troy Hanson and Kerry Morris-Hanson